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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eamon J Wall on 11/10/2006 and 11/13/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

In The Specification:

Amend the amended specification filed 7/7/2006 as follows:

This application is a continuation of United States Patent No. 6,697,376 B1 which claims the benefit of Provisional application Ser. No. 60/109,341 filed Nov. 20, 1998.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-3 and 9.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Derrick W. Ferris whose telephone number is (571) 272-3123. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. E.S.T.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on (571)272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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